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1. THE POSSIBILITIES DESCRIBED BY VAN WELL IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH  
OF REFTTEL AS NEW OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH "OTHER PERSONNEL"  
TOTALS INCLUDING (A) FAILING TO IDENTIFY NATIONALLY TRAINING SCHOOL  
PERSONNEL, DEFENSE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, AND REAR SERVICES AND  
(B) FAILURE TO IDENTIFY NATIONALLY PERSONNEL OF THE FRG TERRI-  
TORIAL ARMY, ARE IN PRACTICE A REPETITION OF THE PRESENT  
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FRG POSITION OF BEING WILLING TO NATIONALLY DESIGNATE PERSONNEL  
IN MAJOR UNITS BUT NOT RESIDUAL PERSONNEL. POSSIBLE FRG PROPOSALS  
TO CONFINE RESIDUAL PERSONNEL TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE GROUPS WOULD  
NOT REPEAT NOT BE ANY IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRESENT UNWORKABLE FRG  
PROPOSAL.

2. HOLDING BACK ANY SIZEABLE NUMBER OF WESTERN MILITARY PERSONNEL

IN THE CATEGORY FOR WHICH NO NATIONAL DESIGNATION IS TO BE GIVEN WOULD MAKE THE FRG PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE TO THE EAST AND INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INFORMATION THE WEST NEEDS. EVEN THE PROPOSAL BY FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL RUCKRIEGER TO WITHHOLD FROM NATIONAL DESIGNATION A SMALL SYMBOLIC GROUP OF PERSONNEL IN NATO INTEGRATED HEADQUARTERS WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY OF GAINING EASTERN ACCEPTANCE FOR THE FRG PROPOSAL. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE TO GIVE FRG MINISTER GENSCHER THE IDEA THAT THE OPPOSITION OF THE MAJORITY OF ALLIES AGAINST THE FRG PROPOSAL THAT THE ALLIES NOT PROVIDE THE NATIONAL DESIGNATION OF RESIDUAL FORCES CAN BE DEALT WITH BY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE SIZE OF THE RESIDUAL GROUP.

3. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE AIR FORCE TIMES OF JUNE 13, 1977, CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH COL. SIEGFRIED STORBECK, A MILITARY ATTACHE OF THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHO GAVE THE TOTAL SIZE OF FRG FORCES AND SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT 63,000 MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO THE TERRITORIAL FORCES. THE OFFICIAL 1973/74 FRG WHITE BOOK GIVES STRENGTH OF THE TERRITORIAL FORCES AT 64,000 MEN. THAT IS TO SAY, ONE OF THE OPTIONS DESCRIBED BY VAN WELL WOULD INVOLVE HOLDING BACK INFORMATION PUBLICLY REVEALED BY FRG OFFICIALS. RESOR

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